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Dear Sir

LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc  
FILE NO 82-1356

Pursuant to the exemptions granted to Laura Ashley Holdings plc (the "Company") under Rule 12g3-2 (b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, please find enclosed announcement released to the London Stock Exchange by the Company.

Please receipt stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the envelope provided.

Yours faithfully

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David Cook  
Company Secretary

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cc. Mr. Brian Teitelbaum (Citibank)

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### Announcement of Non-Executive Director Resignation

The Company received notification on 4 May 2004 from Mr Nick Bernard Ashley of his intention not to seek re-election to the Board at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17 June 2004.

Commenting on Mr Ashley's decision, Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Peng, Chairman said:

"Nick has made an invaluable contribution to Laura Ashley over many years. His creative experience and expertise have been greatly appreciated and his support for the brand has been unfaltering. Nick has been a valued member of the Board and will be missed on both a personal and professional level."

### Enquiries

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